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1. Mukarem Corati, an official of the Albanian Ministry of Commerce, when at Warsaw in January 1949, signed contracts with the Poles by which the "PAFAWAG" works at Wroclaw are to supply to Albania 32 freight cars, 11 tank cars, and 10 passenger coaches.
2. The Albanians are particularly anxious to obtain cars as the Durres-Peghi-Elbasan and the Durres-Tirana lines, now nearing completion, lack rolling stock and signal equipment.
3. Agricultural machinery to be supplied by Poland includes complete equipment for five mechanized tractor stations and 40 tractors for use in the Peghi-Lushnja agricultural area.*
4. The Poles have also promised to deliver, by the end of 1949, two 650-ton motor vessels for shipping pyrites.
5. Corati also signed contracts with the Hungarians at Budapest on his way back from Warsaw and ordered three locomotives, to be delivered by the spring of 1950, from the "Petz-Iparmuvek" works at Esztergom.

Comment: These tractors are believed to be of Soviet origin.

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